

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 98-196-G - ORDER NO. 98-379

MAY 21, 1998

IN RE: Application of United Cities Gas Company     )  
for Approval of Revisions to its Tariff to     )  
Implement a Scheduling Fee Provision     )  
Applicable to Customers Electing Service     )  
under Rate Schedule 760, Transportation Gas     )  
Service.     )

/s/ [Signature]

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Application of United Cities Gas Company (United Cities or the Company) requesting a revision to its tariff to implement a scheduling fee provision applicable to customers electing service under rate schedule 760, Transportation Gas Service.

The Commission's Executive Director required United Cities to publish, one time, a Notice of Filing in a newspaper of general circulation in the affected area. The Notice was required to furnish information on how the public could participate in the present process. The Company furnished an affidavit, showing that it had complied with the instructions of the Executive Director. No Petitions to Intervene or Protests were received.

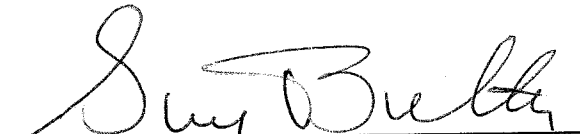
S.C. Code Section 58-5-240 (G)(Supp. 1997) notes that the Commission may allow tariffs to be put into effect without a hearing upon order of the Commission when such tariffs do not require a determination of the entire rate structure and overall rate of

return. We hold that this is the case with regard to the present proposed tariff revision, and declare that the tariff may be put into effect without a hearing.

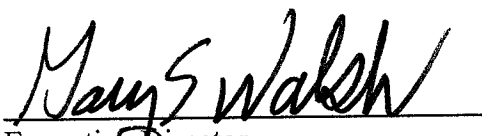
Accordingly, we have examined the tariff revision, which proposes to implement a new scheduling fee for transportation customers, and we hold that the tariff revision should be approved as filed. The Company shall furnish ten (10) copies of the new tariff revision to the Commission within ten (10) days of the receipt of this Order.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Deputy Executive Director

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